



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

February 25, 2019

The Honorable Connie M. Leyva
Chair, Legislative Women's Caucus
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: \$56 million for Local Child Support Agencies - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Leyva:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your support of Governor Newsom's budget proposal of an additional \$56 million (\$36.9 million federal funds and \$19.1 million General Fund) for Local Child Support Agency administrative costs. This increase represents the first year of a three-year, phased-in implementation of a new budgeting methodology. The Child Support Program in California has been flat funded since the year 2000, with the exception of a \$3 million increase in last year's budget. It has also been operating under an outdated and inequitable funding formula for the past 19 years.

A total of 1.2 million children are served by the California child support program. Studies have shown that consistent and reliable child support income plays a vital role in the stability of the families in our community. It helps fight poverty, keeps kids in school and out of the criminal justice system. The child support program also contributes to cost avoidance for other government programs and provides reimbursement to counties and the State for monies paid out in government assistance. Reliable support payments help support family economic stability and lead to improved child outcomes.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino requests your support of this additional investment of \$56 million for Local Child Support Agency administrative costs which will increase the ability of local agencies to collect and remit child support payments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: Members and Consultants, Legislative Women's Caucus
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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